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EMERGENCY..!

Paradise on fire!

RIOTERS SMASH CENTRE OF PAPEETE -

Jacky Teuira

"It takes ten minutes to destroy a city....it will take months to rebuild it..." - Jackie Teuira, President of the French Polynesia Territorial Assembly after witnessing Friday night's riots in Vaima, Papeete in which over 50 shops are reported destroyed by fire and 26 people seriously injured. FULL COVERAGE INSIDE....

exclusive — **INSIDE**

"This can't be Polynesia!"

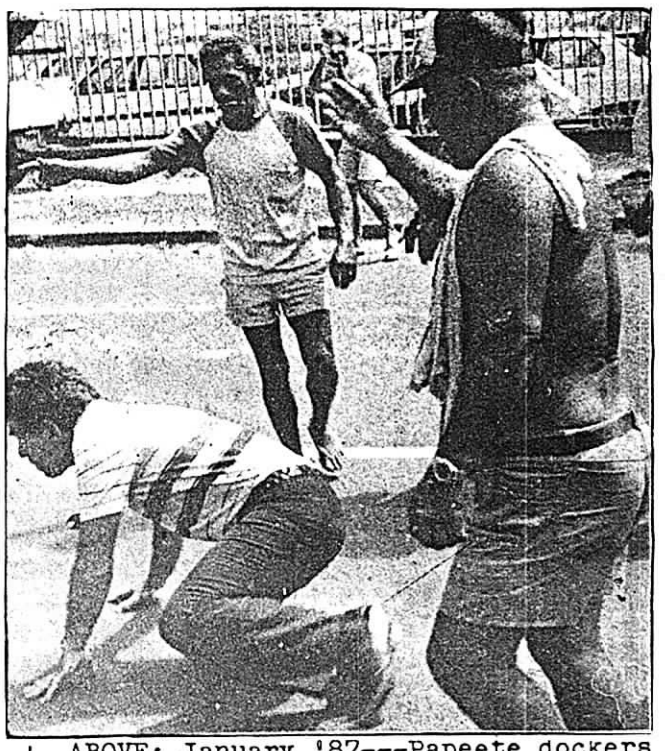
"It is beyond belief!"

"Tahitians should be ashamed!"

-Eye-witness observers express their stunned shock in the wake of Friday night's extensive rioting in downtown Papeete.

The JOURNAL devotes most of this issue to the background of violence in our neighbouring nation and estimates its impact upon our own close relations with French Polynesia.

A LONG ROAD



ABOVE: January '87---Papeete dockers "negotiate" with Management! And thereby hangs a long, long tale at the end of a long, long road which led to Friday's destruction in Central Papeete. The JOURNAL asks, "What can WE learn from Flaming Friday!

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ANGELI CALLS ON TROOPS TO MOVE IN ON DOCKER ROW

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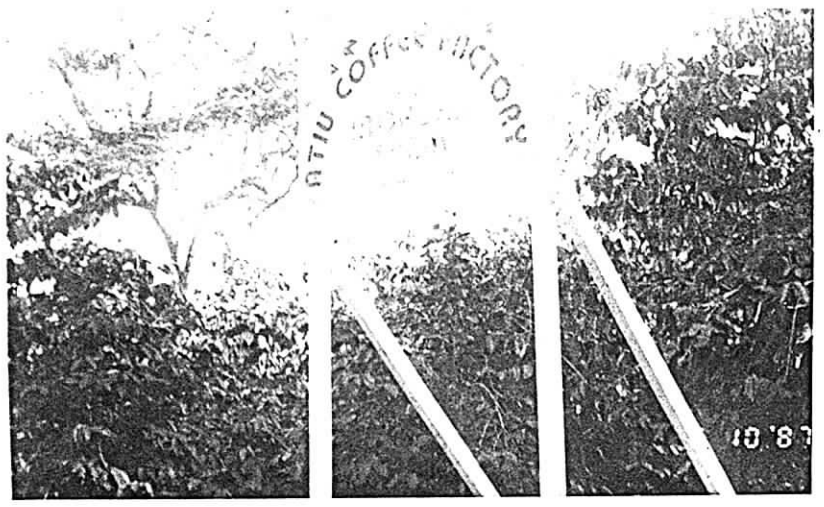
"Allo, Jacques..."
"Oui, Gaston...."
"Great news, patron.
"Really, Gaston ? I heard there had been a spot of bother."
"Not the slightest, patron. Rest assured. No. 88 and absolutely spot on. Pouff! Lovely cloud. Super bang. And very little leakage to speak of....."

Editorial

Coffee

Almost everywhere you go in Atiu these days, there seems to be coffee signs. There's lots of PR. Lots of press releases. But press releases are tomorrow's fish and chip wrappings. Billboards peel and fade in the wind and rain. Is there more to our coffee industry today than an attractive surface ?

What Price Coffee?



policies evolve

Talking to Mr. Jurgen Manske, the General Manager of the Atiu Coffee factory, one detects a note of enthusiasm which, although no substitute for hard up front high prices, may inject a new confidence into Atiuan agriculture.

Coffee now holds the record as longest survivor in recent Atiuan agriculture. In spite of the usual periodic ups and downs, it can reasonably claim "small industry" status and to have moved beyond any defining as a "scheme".

As Manager, Mr. Manske is taking it further down the road. He is successfully building upon some limited but recognised continuity and has succeeded in "verticalising" the production, management and marketing processes. In other words, he is taking the whole shooting match himself.

That way, he is not saddled with the lumpen, conservative right, a massively destructive force which shouldn't be allowed within voting range of an Atiuan people's industry.

Too incompetent to be labelled fascist (they would have run out of matches before the gas ovens got lit!), the Atiuan right is nonetheless a statutary lethal component of every activity in which there is kudos without work and profit without talent.

The best thing the coffee has going for it is that they have been "verticalised" out of influence. Their role is to do some growing, or more likely to arrange that Mr. Manske get someone to do the growing for them.

Thus the industry is left to an energetic Manager to make his own decisions and succeed or fail upon the wisdom of them.

The help he needs, from people like Mr. Paratainga and Mr. Taearea, he has.

The industry looks good and smart. It sounds impressive. If growers and workers put in the hours, it could be very impressive. Maroiroi e Jurgen. Kaope Nui!

"No, but Seriously.."

Even in the dirtiest games, a winner must eventually emerge.

And in this year's extremely filthy South Pacific Political Games, it has to be France who comes out top.

At least, that would have almost certainly have been the report that Minister of Dominions and Overseas Territories and Secretary of State Bernard Pons (right) and Secretary of State, Gaston Flosse could have fairly confidently given their Cabinet colleagues in Paris....until last weekend - when one of the many social veritara that hide in the French colonial undergrowth crawled out and wandered through the streets of Papeete.

The Foreign Legion clobbered it..but plenty of relatives still exist.

The massed forces of DOM-TOM descended from Paris to indicate who in reality rules Tahiti and try to patch up a few of the problems by blaming everyone and everything except their own military presence.

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Four Decades and...

The result..

a future lies in ruins!

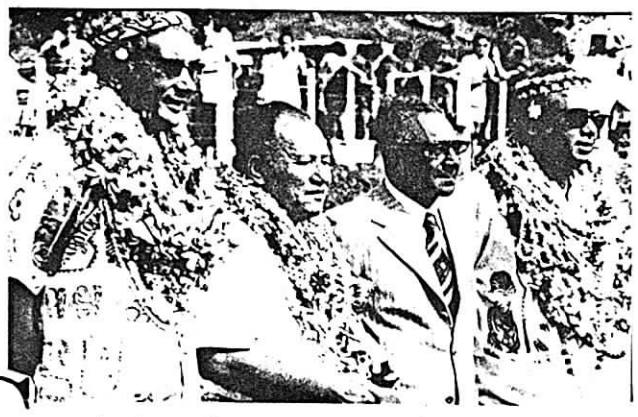
Special report

THE SOUTH PACIFIC REGION

Who protects the Cook Islands child ?

RIGHT: Historically, the answer is "no one..outside her family and island". In the last decade, a new hope has emerged - the expanding, multi-racial SP Region. 1987 may have killed that prospect.

— (Ph. Ina Teiotu) —



Great Days long gone...when hopes (and the rhetoric) ran high for a South Pacific Region which would be the stepping stone to a bright new future for the Island Nations. (LEFT to RIGHT: Mara, Fiji; Tamasese, W. Samoa; Henry, CIs.; Tu'ipelehake, Tonga)...Rarotonga 1971. Ph. New South Pacific.

Coalition guessed right?

Were we all taken in by New Zealand propaganda? Has the much maligned Davis/George Coalition foreign policy, perhaps maladroit, perhaps rationalised as it went along, nevertheless resulted in an economic defence strategy which has left the Cook Islands powerfully placed to capitalise upon Pacific power politics rather than being its victims. The closing months of 1987 see much of the Region left disastrous economic victims of natural disasters, political instability, big power manipulation, colonial legacies and all the basic weaknesses of under-resourced island micro-states. EXCEPT, some may be tempted to argue, the COOK ISLANDS

The Regionalists, the Independantists, the Non-Aligned and those heavily dependent upon the ex-colonial powers the anglo-saxon powers see their immediate future as an attempt to rise again out of the ruins of a year which has been the most disastrous in modern Regional history.

Almost alone, from Saipan to Rapa (!) the Cook Islands can offer a claim to liberal, progressive multi-racialism, a land tenure system still managing to survive modern investment pressures, a (at least superficially booming economy) and a foreign policy stance which, in Regional terms, is defiantly independent and self-interestedly non-aligned!

Even the most grudging government of government could be forced to admit that the surface of Cook Islands life is polished sparkling!

But, as the major stories we carry in this issue proclaim, ther is an instability and a dynamism in the affairs of twentieth century nations that

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Comment

ARTS OF SEDUCTION

Editorial

Obviously there can be no remotely conceivable justification for Papeete's Friday night of terror on the streets. Its face is not acceptable to the Polynesian people. But it would be wrong to dismiss it as the abberration of (in M. Pons' words) a minority. The dockers are the long-term victims and will continue to be such as long as they are locked into a very seductive but socially poisonous programme of elitism, uncontrolled free enterprise and social divisiveness. This programme is the net result of Tahoeraa's artfully seductive coalition of right wing interests. Friday night in Papeete should be a reminder to all three of our right of centre political groupings, and to the Lange yuppis in NZ, that there is a reverse side to the Polynesian brochure image.

Jacques Chirac and Gaston Flosse

PROFILE

PACIFIC Power

The roots of the South Pacific Region were planted in the now virtually forgotten post-WW2 colonial era.

In 1947, the Colonial Powers, with the exception of Chile and including the Netherlands as then rulers of Indonesia and Papua, founded the South Pacific Commission.

The long-drawn-out period of decolonisation which followed and is still not (and maybe never will be) completed, has had the remarkable characteristic of having always been done by negotiation.

The process over 40 years had added to the

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For Cook Islanders, 1987 began with the destruction of Rarotonga's business centre by Cylcone Sally (above: ph. NZ Development Magazine). In August, Coalition II was destroyed by caucus! For the rest of the year, it was all Economic Construction Inc!

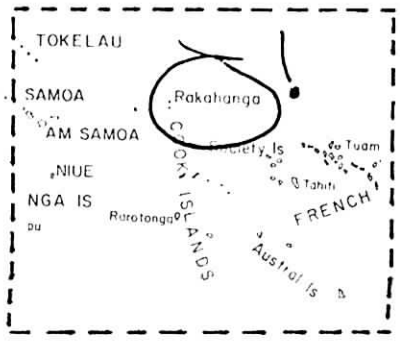
Incidentally folks_____

Can anyone doubt that Papa Ron Crocombe is not only an expert on the South Pacific but is also quite the superbest analyst and most dazzling weilder of a political crystal ball since Cassandra gave odds on the Greeks having a spot of bother up Troy Way ? Just read on and then prostrate yourself with us in awe before the staggering foresight of Prof. Ron!

During our research for this article on the Region, we inevitably clung to and consulted the several Holy Books on the Region written or edited by Papa Ron.

Leafing through his now far-off but still standard "THE NEW SOUTH PACIFIC" (1973!), we came across the map of the Region on the inside and back covers where we chanced to glance at the location of the tiny, insignificant Cook Islands.

But two place names were given (alongside Sydney and Auckland and Moresby and so forth).....Rarotonga, of course, our capital, AND..wait for it.... (and remember - no Papeete, no Noumea, no Vila, no Manila even!!!) in bigger print than any other island, town or city ....none other than RAKAHANGA!!!!!!!!!!



(...extract of NEW SOUTH PACIFIC map of the Region 1973 by Ron Crocombe pub. by REED EDUCATION NZ.)

God knows how you did it Ron, but if anyone ever dares again say you're not the greatest expert on the Region, past, present or future...well, we'll pay them a one way ticket to Suva as a punishment!

(N.B. for our several overseas subscribers, [illegible]akahanga pop. about 300 give or take a coconut crab or *two, is the native* island of our new PM, Dr. Pupuke Robati - in 1973 a junior backbench opposition member!

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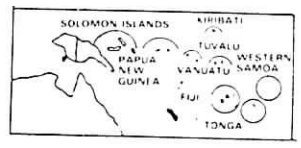
——— our future



It ought to have been a year of celebration. 40 years had passed since the establishment of the South Pacific Commission by the colonial powers. Instead, 1987 has seen the very existence of the South Pacific Region under continual threat. The institutions which form the skeleton of the multi-cultural, multi-racial unit known as the SP Region have stumbled through the year. But surrounding them, giving them flesh, blood and a soul, the diverse peoples and ethnic groups from Micronesia, Polynesia and Melanesia have been riven by violence, passion and conflict. Constitutional crisis and social despair have characterised Microneis; fundamentalism, tribalism and nationalism have wracked Melanesia; political crises and social unrest have scarred much of Polynesia. Powerful leaders were unseated; strikes, scandal and corruption hit at periods regular daily headlines; racial dissension tore two nations apart; boycotts threaten the SP Games; cyclones ripped into already **fragile** economies..... ..and then there was Fiji!

What on earth does it all add up to ?

There has been a brief pause. Partly it has been created by the need for us to wait upon the result of the very important Vanuatu Elections. There we shall see the extent of France's diplomatic and maybe clandestine penetration into Anglo-Saxonia and Independent Pacifica. There also we shall be able to guess the strength of Melanesianism. Partly the pause has been created by the voice of objective international reason over Fiji by the Australian trade unions and by the Commonwealth Heads of Government. That voice has properly condemned out of hand the international pariah that is Rabuka's Fiji. It was the voice that should have been heard loud and unequivocably from our Pacific leaders had they truly wished to preserve the Region for the people to whom it meant, not trips, cocktail parties and UN speeches, but a Pacific Way out of grovelling feudal subsistence.

Sadly, the Pacific's leaders gave unremitting support for the rule of tribal aristocracy symbolised by the racist landlords who now control Fiji after a decade of near-total rejection by the people at the ballot box.

In the pause that has been created while we wait to see if socialist union solidarity can help win back for the Fijian what the King of the Yuppies in NZ and the Butler of Business in Oz allowed to be torn out of the hands of the Fiji working class...those of us living here in Yuppieland-by-the-Reef can decide whether to take off for the real thing in Tahiti or attune the sensitivities to five more years of tar-sealed rhetoric from Raymond or stockpile the armour plating for when the embattled, embittered opposition start swinging the matipis.

...to while away the time, maybe, the JOURNAL takes an evaluation of what it all seems to mean right now.
....in that brief pause, the JOURNAL takes an evaluation of what it seems to all mean right now.

Others will do a far profounder job. Others will be able to take a much longer perspective but, for our readers, the pages that follow record the fears and disappointments right now amidst the shambles at...what Mr. Nixon was wont to call....this point in time!

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already existing independent Kingdom of Tonga as diverse and curious a conglomeration of "independent" political systems as exist anywhere on earth.

The constitutional structures which have resulted have largely but one thing in common; they were designed as compromise structures within which the interests of the departing colonial powers, their settlers, their value systems, their commercial and economic links and their cultural institutions were protected.

FEUDAL

The constitutions were drawn up by lawyers and experts from the mother country, occasionally consulting indigenous experts usually trained in the mother country.

The interests of resident settlers and businesses (the white ones) were always noted to a degree disproportionate to their numbers.

The reference points were the interests of the colonial power and the interests of those operating at the top of the (always) hierarchical local power structure of the time.

As this latter was predominantly feudal and sometimes based upon dubious historical support and as the former are by definition in conflict with the interests of the masses, the constitutions of the "independent" South Pacific have always displayed inbuilt contradictions. As was noted by Prof. Crocombe in an aside in CIs. politics, the successful exploitation of these contradictions (a juggling act involving so-called "traditional" procedures and so-called "modern" procedures) has characterised the political strategy of many a SP politician. They have also been the cause of much confusion, and consequent impotence, amongst the people in exercising political will.

CIs. and USP historian and educationist, John Herrmann has gone so far as to conclude that built into all colonial programmes for the development of the SP people was a calculated denial of the people's right to political awareness. The general bewilderment and retreat by SP leaders into a kind of diplomatic nihilism (leave it to the Fijians to sort out and whatever they decide is OK regardless who decides on behalf of the Fijians etc) when faced with a situation in Fiji whereby the voters challenged BOTH the interest of the colonial powers (especially the USA and Australia) AND the feudal power structure tends to support Mr. Herrmann's conclusions. Fiji had the highest level of political awareness in the Region and out of its intellectual community both in Suva and Auckland came a modest programme for the resolution of contemporary social and economic problems.

But in the most sophisticated and industrialised of Regional nations the Labour Party, whilst appearing to have constitutional support, in fact represented a threat to the interests which the constitution was designed to protect ...and they were not the masses of either dominant race.

The British, presumably not entirely stupid, allowed to be built into their offspring's WRITTEN constitution **in heartland Melanesia,** the same immoveable bunch of self-interested feudalists as they themselves had taken over 700 years to get rid of themselves.... even given the far greater flexibility of their own UNWRITTEN constitution.

Had the House of Lords possessed anything like the constitutional permanence of the Great Council of Chiefs, the Parliament Act of 1911 would still be being debated today in Westminster!

The instability of the Region's political institutions **can be** solidly set down at the door of the colonial powers. Not some tere party of military drum dancing Libyans.

By and large, the Region is a remarkably cohesive group of people and that generalisation can include most of the groups of immigrants. Yet inflicted upon a Region where pan-Pacific Arts Festivals, sports gatherings church and social and even commercial and educational fraternity is commonplace, are as disparate a ragbag

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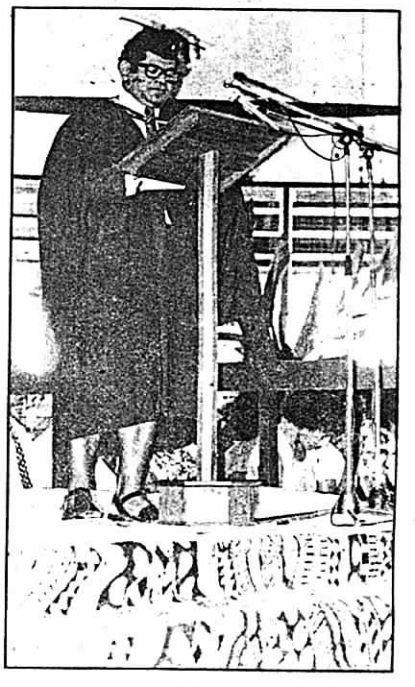
THE LATE MOSESE QIONIBARAVI

Obituary

The death of Mosese Qionibaravi, of Fiji, was reported on 23 September. He was a member of the University Council from 1970 to 1985, serving as Vice-Chairman and then Chairman of Council, and as Pro-Chancellor, for much of that time.

The Vice-Chancellor, Geoffrey Caston, expressed his regret at the death.

"I heard of Mosese Qionibaravi's death with immense sadness. He was Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Council of the University when I first joined it, and I remember meeting him for the first time in London when he was on his way to present Fiji's case at international sugar negotiations. His grasp of detail, and the cogency with which he could present arguments, was phenomenal, and I felt then how fortunate the University was to have such a powerful, fair-minded and talented statesman at its helm. For two years after that he continued to work for USP, even while Minister of Foreign Affairs and then Finance. He was a true friend of the University, and stood high in regard of all the South Pacific countries who make it up. When he ceased to be Minister of Finance after the last elections, I wrote to him in the hope that we might find some way to continue his close association with the University and its work; it is a great loss to us that that will never, after all, be possible.



Mosese Qionibaravi

He was also a good friend to me personally, and as a stranger to Fiji, I found it a huge comfort to know that I could turn to him for advice, as I often did. Also, of course, he is just the kind of man whom Fiji most needs in its present troubles and I can only pray, as he would do, that others will find in his memory a model of statesmanship and moderation to which they can aspire.

As reported in the USP Bulletin (above) a major regional figure passed away in September in the person of Mosese Qionibaravi whose desperate attempts to salvage the Fijian economy by austerity were instrumental in promoting the emergence of the Bavadra-led Fiji Labour Party in opposition.

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of political systems and constitutions as Man could devise.

Just check the list:

Melanesia integrated into Australia; Melanesia integrated into Indonesia; Melanesia as a territory of France; Melanesia as a Commonwealth State; Melanesia as a Commonwealth Republic; Melanesia as an independent republic; and (lately, Melanesia as a military dictatorship, shortly to become a tribal federation); Polynesia integrated into New Zealand; Polynesia as a NZ colony; Polynesia as a self-governing state; Polynesia as an independent republic; Polynesia as an independent Kingdom; Polynesia as an internally autonomous territory; Polynesia as a part of Chile; Polynesia as a USA state; Micronesia as a US colony; Micronesia self-governing; Micronesia as an internally autonomous republic; Micronesia unable to decide what it is!

Fans of the conspiracy theory of history can drool over the above evidence of a **brilliantly** devised Western plot to ensure no pan-Pacific group could remotely conceive a challenge to the interests of those who set up the various limbs of the monstrosity known as the SP Region in its political form.

BACKWARDNESS

Factional coalitions in PNG, the Solomons, the Cooks, Fiji, and the whole of Micronesia; colonial semi-war in New Caledonia; personality cults destroyed in Fiji, Tahiti and the Cooks, cyclones, bombs and Libyans...a year to remember for the anti-Regionalists.

As it begins its last couple of months, the Region presents a sorry picture of racialism, tribalism, colonialism and continuing backwardness interspered with four very different experiments proceeding whereby governments reasonably free from the more crippling economic and social forces have created enough space to set their nations on paths which, at the very least, present their people with definable goals to pursue.

In each case, governments have allowed themselves to be directed by what they hear to be the economic aspirations of the people and, as such, can tentatively claim to be responsive to external forces approved by the people rather than those which, like so many of the constitutions of the Region, entrap the people in a net cast with skill and experience by hostile fishermen.

PAKEHA

In New Zealand, Mr. Lange's classless yuppies may have soon removed their fear of never being able to afford an extension to the spa pool and thus could become the first NZ generation to tackle the NZ Maori question by providing the money to do what Maoris tell them to do about the NZ Maori question. And, given time, Mr. Lange's claimed new "natural majority" may grow in social confidence sufficiently to recognise that NZ has no Maori problem...just a pakeha problem.

Ieremiah Tebai (President of Kiribati) -

inspiration for many in the Region.

In tiny Kiribati, the Tebai "experiment" in micro-state ethical development may produce sufficent peaceful self-controlled development to spread like an anti-capitalist virus to other nations ...where it will certainly be smartly crop-sprayed to death as an astoundingly dangerous phenomenon producing a ghastly lethargy in the body of the honest hard-spending imports consumer!

THE SOUTH PACIFIC REGION

Possibly the most influential long-term institution in the Region is the eleven nation University of the South Pacific. Far more important than a mere institute for higher qualifications, it has traditionally been the source of multi-racial, multi-cultural political awareness. It has also been the virtual Arts centre of the Region in poetry, prose and (above) drama.

Its future tone, academic freedom and even suitability as a University is threatened most fundamentally by its installation on the soil of a repressive military dictatorship increasingly being termed "our Chile".

Tahiti's severely limited "internal autonomy" is, of course, a total no-no to all card-carrying liberals..especially if they picked up their card in Auckland or Melbourne..or if they want to make any sort of living out of selling stuff to the evil anglo-saxon media!

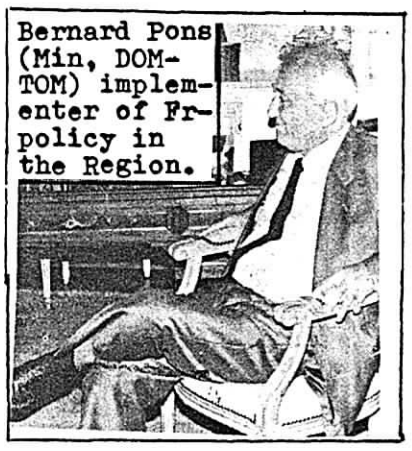
Nevertheless, as Georges Kelly tells us, "we're in control of what we want to be in control of...and, if you disagree, show us where any Frenchman decides for us anything that really and truly affects what we Polynesians are interested in."

Others in Tahiti dismiss criticism as anglo-saxon propaganda.

"The English-speaking Pacific is in a total mess," it has been claimed to the JOURNAL.

"The independent nations the Anglo-Saxons were supposed to prepare for this "independence" are economic basket cases with the majority of their people preferring to live outside them. And, as for Australia and NZ,

Bernard Pons (Min, DOM-TOM) implementer of Fr-policy in the Region.



with the worst record of indigenous people's achievement and self-esteem just about left in the whole world, they need to spend a long time on their own problems before tackling any that France is supposed to have!"

Tahitians point to Polynesian achievement in their own country, to high standards, to material opportunity and to a people freed politically from feudal tyranny. They admit to the merits of neighbouring Cook Islands land tenure system but claim awareness of the need to find a local solution of their own.

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AND US?

It's hard now to recall the days when the "Premier" introduced bills in the "Assembly" and next to a take-away bar in Avarua was a room marked "External Affairs".

But it wasn't really very long ago, although the whole era is now buried deep in the archives with as much contemporary relevance as the Blue Laws, Annexation and La Reta.

It was all very cheeky of NZ - to restrict a new self-governing adult nation to the vocabulary of the political nursery.

It is no international nursery that the Cook Islands government has been playing in over the last three years. She long since fired the governess and now stomps up and down endless expensively appointed diplomatic corridors with no one holding her hand.

It has been a three year period of Bashouts, Marcoses, chats with Mrs. Thatcher, calls on the Pope, sessions with Schultz, signatures at the UN, pan-global trips and hardly an unexplored diplomatic corner of the globe remaining to be penetrated by bustling Foreign Affairs Minister, Norman George and his hard-travellin' cabinet colleagues.

And what, so a lot of puzzled citizens frequently mutter when noticing yet another Minister entering or emerging from the Airport VIP lounge, is gained by it all ?

Demo Opposition leader Vincent Ingram, one of the architects of the 1978-83 "high profile policy" that began the CIs. new approach to international affairs, claims that the real beneficiaries have been the Ministers themselves with their addiction to foreign travel and its status and expense account lifestyle.

(CIs. Foreign Minister, Norman George)

Ingram's ministerial time was characterised, according to associates at the time, by a "less diplomatic lifestyle and more hard negotiating" while travelling overseas.

CIP leader Geoffrey Henry, who has also clocked up a fairly hefty overseas mileage in his time, is increasingly critical of the style and conduct of foreign travel. "The long-term problem has now been created," he said in an interview in 1986, "whereby a huge retinue of hangers-on down to relatively minor public servants are expecting to join the party every time. Trips are now being regarded not so much as an important means of obtaining aid but as a means of rewarding supporters."

To Norman George, such criticism may appear almost benign in its reasoned moderation. There have been times when not only have government been held up to ridicule and scornful jibes about "town councils tripping to Geneva and back", but have been treated with downright hostility by NZ administrators. One particularly vocal NZ Minister openly questioned Tom Davis' actual sanity in a 1986 discussion about the then PM's notorious "neutrality" stance.

this or what?

Sir Thomas Davis.....

Heavily criticised both at home and abroad but "an increased international presence" accepted by NZ for his governments.

Minister George and government are likely therefore to view the close of 1987 with something well-nigh approaching ecstatic triumph as the Cook Is. emerges as an up-market bastion of sense, maturity and independence led by government members who have not only taken the heat

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Power

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As was witnessed last weekend, the question posed on our front page, however (who actually rules Tahiti), is easily answered. France rules Tahiti. Internal Autonomy is a "word game" - a synonym for a form of "enlightened colonialism". The question which Tahitians and the rest of us in the Region need address with clear-headed responses is..."is the ordinary working citizen of the Region best served by a role in a Western system with high pay union protection and advanced political institutions to work within rather than a debilitating "freedom" which serves, it seems, only an elite leadership?"

The fourth nation of positive interest is our own and is dealt with separately.

The rest of the Region appears to be ending 1987 in an appalling condition - economically strapped, politically backward, riven by violence both physical and economic.

A future in ruins...?

Well, perhaps the best answer would be to ask a parent or student at Tereora what they feel about a scholarship into the Region next year!

*Available authorities:

The New South Pacific (Crocombe); Foreign Forces in Pacific Politics(Crocombe, Ali et al) "SEARCH" Sept/Oct. and many others available at USP Centre, Avarua.

On The Other Side Of The Fence

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AFTER WORK
WEEK-ENDS
TONIGHT

WELCOME

and US

in the international kitchen but appear to be capable of cooking up a few enticing recipes of their own while they're about it!

"An escape from mealy-mouthed backwardness," was a description offered last year in defence (then) of postures opposing NZ in foreign policy."

"It's this," said a Davis apologist during the most controversial days of the ex-PM's diehard pro-France, ant-NZ globe-trotting forays into "mouse that roared" diplomacy, " OR....WHAT? A repeat of Niue ? That's the NZ end product. No thank you!"

"This" has been a foreign policy which has set the Cook Islands firmly on the other side of an at times seemingly endless row of diplomatic fences.

We opposed NZ over ANZUS and their anti-nuclear stance.

David Lange - NZ PM heading a centre concensus government

We opposed many of the more liberal interpretaions of the SP Forum Rarotonga Treaty declaring an SP Nuclear-Free Zone.

We opposed the NZ/Australia outrage rhetoric over Fiji.

We opposed NZ again over the airport.

We turned down their offer of full independence.

We opposed liberal feelings on every issue guaranteed to bleed a social democratic heart from relations to France, dabbling with Marcos and smooching with rumoured CIA contacts.

We opposed the Demos. We opposed the CIP's. We even ended up opposing each other and sacking the architect of the whole controversial programme.

And who was "WE".... ...?

Amazingly.....a group representing a concept (coalition) most of the voters had never heard of before, during and after the last election, led by a man who scraped in on a split vote and consisting of an astounding 5/8 Parliamentary newcomers and novices!

LIFETIME

A clue to the Davis approach to CIs. development was offered by a pro-Tom confidante during a 1986 CI Times interview at a time when the PM's behaviour was seeming so outrageous to the paper's contacts in NZ political sources that it was felt worthwhile trying to get to the bottom of it and find out if the Gallant Leader really had gone cuckoo!

"Tom has his own priorities for development and he hasn't got time to go round explaining it all to people who haven't been round long enough to understand, " claimed the confidante.

"You could say, he's had a lifetime of colonialism from NZ and for once he's going to make sure the CIs. calls the tune."

Crucial turning points in the direction of foreign policy were the rejection of our application to the Lome Convention and NZ's claimed failure to consult with or heed SP nation's feelings about their own foreign policy, combined with NZ's persistent denial of the CIs. need to conduct her own unilateral aid negotiations with all nations she chose to meet with.

"We've given Lome away," tne PM said in another interview,"we don't meet their requirements and it's not worth our while trying to."

Status as an aid recipient under the category of special small island nation was felt to be similarly not a big potential "money-spinner"!

Consequently, it was felt that a totally ne approach to seeking investment unhampered by ideological or political considerations (or ethical ones, some say!) was to be sought ...and without interference from NZ.

Offshore banking was to be stepped up. Anyone with a claimed buck to invest was given a hearing. "Go out and get it" trips were operated like package tours and Treasury told to come up with the cash when it was short. Overdraft facilities were stretched beyond the limits. And Regional Pariah, France, was signalled that we were open to friendly overtures.

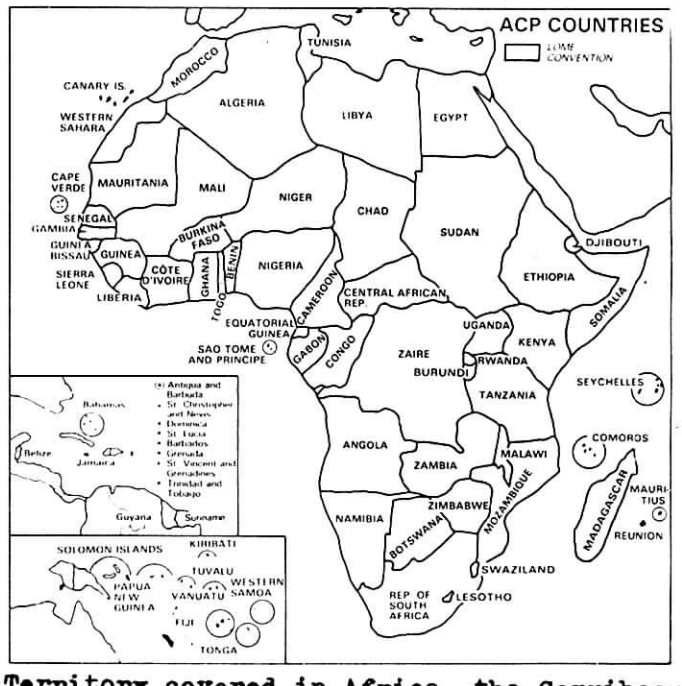
Piecing the whole together is not difficult now. At the time though the atrocious Davis PR team make their boss look an idiot!

Jacques Chirac French PM

produced this year a dazzling display of creative diplomacy linking foreign affairs not to the exercise of power politics or national influence but to the task of finding development finance.

Foreign affairs issues have been cursorily dealt with as interesting but not really overmuch our concern.

Avenues of economic development, however, have been pursued with relentless abandon, ironically with little attention to short-term cost.



Territory covered in Africa, the Carribean and Pacific which constitutes the Aid area served by the EEC's Lome Convention. The CIs. failure to obtain membership was a major incentive to our government's switch to seeking alternatives in the form of private foreign investment.

Norman George's Foreign Affairs team have been strategic, often too strategic for Davis' liking. But, it would be hard to answer George supporters who point to a remarkable performance by a Ministry which did not exist a few years ago and which has

"Judge by results" has long been the Coalition's battle cry.

And at the close of 1987 with the Region in the sort of disarray we picture elsewhere in this issue, Minister George's Foreign Affairs Ministry can report on a most enviable looking CIs. internat-.

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being the best placed of them all.

It is an appearance which may have great voter appeal among the swingers on Rarotonga, both social and political.

The JOURNAL concludes this early survey of the Year of Disaster for the Region by noting, however, that we now have a government of the increasingly extreme right, both nationally and locally.

Neither at village level nor at national level is political power in the hands of the people. Economic power seems far out of the hands of even government. In addition, there exist deep and disturbing social problems which cannot be merely shipped off to NZ on the Xmas charters.

Neither Mr. Ingram nor Mr. Henry seem yet to have mined these permanent veins of discontent existing in all right wing structures.

We all await the final Parliamentary session of the year in the hope that it will witness less of the antics of the clubroom and more of the national debating chamber as our leaders examine, not each others personalities, but the many profound social and political issues which lie beneath an apparently pleasing exterior.

As our new masters say, "Bonne Chance!"

Dockers Battle French Troops

"They Made It Happen"

Pierre Angeli.

Fr. Polynesia High Commissioner.....-Dock Problems "an abcess" for several months.

—Angeli

Speaking during the course of a Radio Papeete interview the morning after an infamous night of burning and looting in the heart of the capital, French Polynesia's High Commissioner justified his mobilisation of one hundred and fifty Foreign Legionnaire troops from Mururoa to deal with the crisis.

Pierre Angeli went on the air at midday on Saturday after Papeete had reportedly spent the morning in a state of numbed corporate shock at the sight of the results of what one radio observer called, "a night of Polynesian shame."

An estimated fifty or more shops in busy downtown Vaima were smouldering, wrecked and looted after gangs numbering several hundred had taken the city centre apart on Friday night.

Firemen were said to have fought the blazing shops throughout the night.

An unconfirmed seven hundred million francs worth of damage was initially reported.

Many of the shops and property destroyed were reportedly uninsured and a number were small handicraft and local business outlets representing total savings and assets for the owners.

No loss of life was reported at the weekend but serious injuries were said to have been experienced by twenty six people while two were declared "very serious".

Seventy five people were reported to have been arrested and detained.

Weekend reports were conflicting.

Appearing to be exercising considerable official restraint in reporting, Radio Papeete described Saturday morning as "calm" with empty streets and a shocked population.

Heads of both the Catholic and Protestant churches made public appeals for calm and restraint.

International services and news agencies, however, reported that a state of emergency and a curfew had been declared by the High Commissioner with French troops and gendarmes responsible for law and order.

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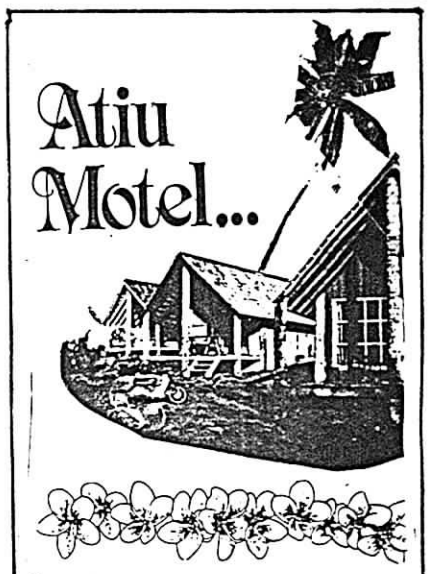
can alter all impressions overnight.

The yuppie book was shaded super pastel until Black Monday on Wall Street. Burkina Faso was socialist "flavour of the month" in the latest liberal circles...until the weekend and somone organised things so that the ruling lollipop would have a flavour more appealing to Western palates!

And then. of course, there was Papeete - Whatever the future for the Region holds it will not be based uppn the facile and often banal superficialities of the Pacific Way. It will at least tread a realistic path....rocky, unrepaired, washed-out, threatened by bandits and heavily mined!

PAPEETE



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- Dr Roger and Kura Malcolm
Guides
- Taio, Tangi, Vaine and Aukino

GETTING THERE... MOTEL BOOKINGS
Air Rarotonga Tel 22-888
Cook Islandair Tel 26-304
Both airlines handle Atiu Motel reservations.

PAPEETE

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President of the Polynesian Territorial Assembly Jacky Teuira stated that he was deeply shocked by what he saw on an early morning tour of the riot areas.

"It takes ten minutes to destroy a city," he was reported to have observed, "but it will take months to repair the ruins."

In his address over Radio Papeete, High Commissioner Angeli outlined his account of the events leading up to the emergency.

He retraced the history of unrest among the Papeete dockers since 1983 and acknowledged that there had been increasing industrial problems throughout 1986 and 1987.

He described the docks dispute as an "abcess" which had continued to grow for several months.

Although he did not see their need to strike, he recognised the dockers' right to strike and had always kept his door open to them for discussions.

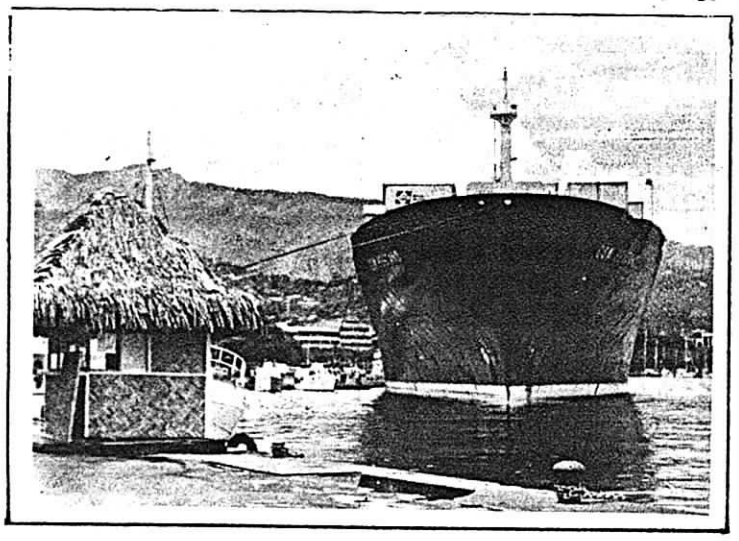
However, the current dispute, he noted, was over staffing levels in loading and unloading boats with scientific equipment for the CEP site in Mururoa.

The CEP had been willing to employ 22 dockers but the dockers had insisted on 29 and had refused to allow the other seven places to be taken up by the military.

It was a battle between the CEP and the dockers, said M. Angeli.

"But the dockers must respect the rights of those who wish to work and the boat first needed to be unloaded of its vital supplies of food, rice and flour so that people would not be short of food.

When the union refused to allow this, I had no course but to call on the military to intervene."



The Papeete Docks...port of entry to the the whole of French Polynesia. On the industrial front, the docks are the scene of continual move and counter-move between unions, owners and government, as Pierre Angeli noted, "the same as elsewhere in the world.

It was a question, he said, of who controlled the docks and therefore the Tahitian economy.

He said that the industrial battle for control of the port was a "normal, industrial game".

He had no animosity towards the dockers and respected their legitimate right to strike. The dockers' union struggle for control of the port as an industrial tactic was legitimate,

A reported 150 personnel were called up by the High Commissioner as events escalated into violence in which extreme elements among the dockers were reported to have been joined by gangs of youths.

Further updates news and eye-witness acounts *from Papeete are on* pages which follow. The above report - Saturday.

GASTON AND LES DOCKERS

1985...and the move that proved to be a lingering thorn in Flosse's side right up to his resignation in 1987 - the shipping and cement deal with South Korean interests in return, so the opposition claim, for political financing of Tahoeraa's election campaign - charges Flosse has constantly denied. (Back row, left to right: new President Teuira, Flosse, and Minister of Agriculture Georges Kelly)

"These events are quite normal everwhere in the world and are accepted as part of the industrial rights of workers and unions".

French Polynesia High Commissioner, Pierre Angeli, was referring to staffing level negotiations last week between Papeete dockers and the CEP regarding the number of dockers to be employed on loading and unloading the Mururoa run.

He was right.

But the riots which swept Papeete over the weekend were not merely the unfortunate breakdown of industrial negotiations.

They have to be seen against the background not only of a complex wharf situation involving several groups of dockers and shippers, but above all in a political setting, at the centre of which is the figure of ex-President and current Secrtary of State, Gaston *Flosse*.

Control of the Papeete port is not only essential, in some measure, by gover to government but forms the target objective of many of the major importers and entrepreneurs who have emerged under the five year development programme set in motion by Flosse's party, Tahoeraa Huiraatira.

Not least of these importer/entrepreneurs is a certain Gaston Flosse, who has been

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ABOVE: Gaston Goes! (resognation 1987)

LES DOCKERS_____

Opposition deputies Quito Braun Ortega (left) and Emile Vernaudon (centre) chat with well-known sports administrator Napoleon Spitz (right), a member of the ruling Tahoeraa Huiraatira right wing coalition led by Flosse protege Jacky Teuira. Ortega has long led the political battle on behalf of the dockers against Flosse, whom he has frequently accused of malpractice in the areas of shipping and imports

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in the envious position of being not only a major private sector beneficiary of the 1980's Tahitian imports boom but also, as Head of the Local Government, inevitably at the heart of all port-related legislation and negotiation.

It is a position of potential vested interest which has infuriated all sections of the Tahitian opposition.

It helps explain the sudden bursts of unity on the part of the highly fragmented Tahitian opposition - which moves across a political spectrum ranging from total independantistes to rightist groups with personal quarrels with Flosse.

Flosse has been the unifying factor. His demise as President this year followed not only violent induatrial action by the dockers from December to February but also a highly publicised visit to Paris by opposition deputies Quito Braun Ortega (who also has extensive private interests in the import and shipping areas) and Emile Vernaudon, a disenchanted former Flosse associate.

'QBO' and Vernaudon gave public interviews in Paris in which they accused Flosse of grave corruption in his dealings in the shipping arena.

Owner of considerable import interests, Flosse vehemently denied that his dealings with the dockers were affected by his own interests and, in turn, accused the opposition of fomenting trouble among the dockers.

Sad blow to vital Reform___

BURKINA FASO

Col. Sankara (at the weekend, whereabouts unsure)

Burkina Faso - landlocked, heavily in debt but attempting to "help itself".

A cursory announcement late last week, international press agencies announced the overthrow by military coup of the progressive socialist government of Col. Thomas Sankara in West Africa's Burkina Faso.

Driven out of the headlines by the international financial crisis, Sankara's dismissal by rightist forces will pass largely unnoticed except by those who had been following his programme of strictly classical socialist economics closely as a third world development model.

The implications of the coup for nations suffering under the social ravages of multi-nationalist commerce and big power international priorities are considerable.

The possibility of French involvement in the counter-coup through its West African client state, Ivory Coast, is disturbing in so far as it confirms extreme-left suspicions that the real objective of big powers is something neither in the interests of ordinary citizens or the supposed economic interests of the West.

It also increases the likelihood of further pressure being put on neighbouring Ghana where Jerry Rawlings is conducting programme's similar to those of Sankara's.

The downfall of Sankara is not unimportant to the West.

Part of the current major world financial crisis is brought about by third world debt.

Burkina Faso's external debt lies at about $500m.

Foremerly known as Upper Volta (a former French colony), Burkina Faso has a per capita GNP of $160.

Consequently, the country would easily fall into the category of what ex-USA Secretary of State once called "an international basket case" when referring to third world poverty-stricken nations.

Thus, international observers were highly impressed with the efforts of Sankara's government (he took

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BLACK Monday

— The Paris Bourse —

US President Reagan- "copping" the flak from those he helped create - the speculators, yuppies and middle class products of monetarism. His close political ally in UK, Margaret Thatcher is reported to be under similar fire in London.

It is one of the several unfortunate by-products of the USA's democratic process that it allows for the elevation to the Presid-

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Components of Panic

Financial commentators who have time to think of anything outside the flood of reports of fresh disasters on the world's stock exchanges have been able to indulge in a spot of historical analysis. Comparisons and contrasts with the Great Collapse of "Black Tuesday" 58 years ago on 29th October 1929 have fuelled in the last week a little "sub-industry" of experts calculating whether Monday the 19th of October 1987 can truthfully aspire to the status of a real, full-blown "Black Monday."

Those aware of the true historical process that led to the appalling consequences of the 1930's world depression see very disturbing grounds for comparing "Black Monday" with "Black Tuesday".

Just as "B.T." in 1929 had been preceeded by vague alarm signals during the previous week which were responded to by bankers meeting to restore the market properly and reputedly to orderly trading conditions, so 'B.M.' a couple of weeks ago was experienced after not one, but several nervous weeks in which bankers were sniffing at financial smoke signals in an effort to detect fire deep down in the system.

Even more alarmingly, the days after Black Tuesday were followed, like they are being now in the aftermath of Black Monday, by assurances from several authorities that the market was

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MoneyBall CLASSIC — SERIES.

One of the side effects of the Great Money Muck-Up has been the creation of a brand-new international spectator sport with a following of billions. On the hour every hour come the latest results while the fans alternately wring their hands in despair or (very rarely these days) give a triumphant whoop of victory.

Top of the First Division is still New York currently experiencing difficulties in front of its own fans at its Wall Street Stadium.

Throgmorton Street, London is steadily holding on to No. 2 spot

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Jack Kemp - Presidential Candidate and apostle of the extreme supply-side Reaganomics

BURKINA FASO

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over in a military coup of junior officers in 1983) to impose a strict development aim summed up in the national model "We must help ourselves."

Among those giving support to the moves were reportedly the group of liberal white South African businessmen who recently made a highly publicised fact-finding tour of black African nations to "see for themselves" what the position was.

What they saw in Burkina Faso was one of the most imaginative models for the development of impoverished nations ever reported from the sub-Sahara region.

Much of Sankara's policies would meet widesspread approval in socially conscious nations anywhere in the world.

They follow, in many aspects, the path recommended for Pacific natios' development advocated by Kiribati's President Tebai. (already reported in the JOURNAL).

So impressive were Sankara's reforms among socialist observers that Burkina Faso bec-

Support for women was symbolised by Minister of National Solidarity Josephine Ouedraogo.

ame an oft-quoted "flavour of the Month" among development planers.

The cornerstone of Sankara's policies was the rationalisation and sound management of public finance. He oversaw a determined effort to make his country less dependent on the economies of the industrialised world.

It amounted to a determined drive to raise agricultural prices and cut state spending with food self sufficiency the prime goal.

Alongside the theorising came many tough social decisions. Sankara was toughest of all on his own ministers whose private ownership was put on public display in declarations of self-interest and whose vehicles, property and travel were severely restricted to a level reflecting the possessions of the people they represented.

Women were promoted and treated equally in the job market. Merit was the guideline for appointments.

Major development projects were devoted to infrastructure and transport.

An economic growth rate of 3.1% was planned for the 5-year plan due to end in 1990.

Such austere and and realistic objectives combined with the austere life put into practice in his own person by Sankara was accepted widely by the people to whom the leader was reportedly a much admired figure.

"The flour of the Month" proved a bitter pill, it seems to opponents who have now come in on a tide of "anti-marxist" rhetoric, rumouredly scripted in France's high-living *fast lane West African satellite*, Ivory Coast.

NEWSVIEW
Events and Trends

New move

College festival

Cook Islands children dance as soon as they can walk! And part of their education at every level has been competitive dancing on both inter-school and inter-island bases. Critics have pointed to the effect of highly competitive Dance Festivals upon artistic development and to the "conveyer-belt" production of the streotyped hotel-syle drum dance and kapa rima routines. Above, young Mangaians get an early taste of competitive "art" under the eagle eye of the inevitable judges. (ph. David Lewis)

In a landmark decision which could set in motion many changes in our National approach to the Cultural Arts, the National Secondary Schools Culture Festival Committee submitted recommendations to Ministry of Education Permanent Secretary Tuingariki Short for the abolition of competitive secondary schools culture festivals.

In giving his full support to the proposal, Mr. Short is taking an official stance that will be well received in progressive circles both in the schools and in wider cultural arts groups.

There are, note long time followers of the superbly, professional level, Secondary Schools Festival, several reasons which underlie the decision.

The extreme level of competitivenes which has characterised the Culture Festival ever since its inauguration in 1975 has led schools into inappropriate levels of expense in costuming.

Examples of this abound. On one occasion, Imene Tuki costumes were flown in from NZ along with cartons of tipani fresh for performance night. Regularly in the 1980's professionally cut and tailored ute dresses and shirts have been the rule rather than the exception.

Schools unwilling to spend are probably doomed to low marks.

Time, as well as money, has been lavished in unnecessary quantities to protect schools from the public abuse that has followed anything up to second place performance and to protect highly reputed choreographers and composers from damaging local criticism.

In examination-conscious schools, bitter dispute has erupted between staff under pressure to produce exceptional results in both conflicting areas.

Among students, themselves, in spite of lip service to brother and sisterhood, very little but isolated hostility to other schools has been witnessed over the years.

Many will remember a champion school being hooted by rivals as their Imene Tuki collapsed into flat notes on the vital night.

Others will remember a school team being pelted with orange peel by another group.

Others will recall the bitter silence of a school at Constitution Park who had expected to win and had found out from judges beforehand that they had not.

Then there were the cries of "cheating" regularly levelled at judges who had the remotest connection with any particular school they may have marked highly.

There has been very little of the sheer joy of Cultural Arts participation down the years of the brilliant Secondary Schools Festival.

Memories abound of rows, walk-outs, beatings, gloating cries of ascendancy and acrid feelings of dislike for all associated with a rival school.

In 1986, everything came together. Boycotts, walk-outs, racial and religious hostility, commercialism, accusations of flagrant cheating, inter-school violence and not inconsiderable career damage to teachers involved.

By 1986, the Festival had fallen out of the control of the secondary schools themselves and was promoting few of the values it was originally devised to to develop.

Even its "cultural" basis had long disappeared.

As former Minister of Education, Tupui Henry remarked publically in 1984, "Who is to lay down what is or isn't culture ?"

"These purples and pinks and other imported things..are they "culture"...and who is to say what is an Aitutaki drum dance or a Manihikian one...?"

Now we can return maybe to witnessing an island's children offering their own culture (Aitutaki dances, Mangaian evas, Atiuan chants etc.) NOT to the pursuit of foreign inspired trophies but to their brothers and sister schools from other islands...and THAT was what it was supposed to be all about in the first place.

The most successful schools teacher and choreographer of the last ten years, Mataora Harry (twice overall winner-coach), remarked to the JOURNAL, "now perhaps we can get back to presenting our own culture for its own sake."

Unfortunately, the lingering memories of the exquisite action songs and fiery pe'es of Tereora, Mangaia's superb legends and the magnificent Araura singing may not last as long as the unfortunate side-effects of introducing competition into an area it had no place entering.

"Good, children," said a "coach" just prior to departing for Rarotonga from an Outer Island, "the items are excellent. All we have to do in Rarotonga is to create some smiles on your faces!"

Maybe, thanks to a brave and far-sighted move, the Culture Festival smiles from now on can come from the soul...not the tactical master plan for winning!

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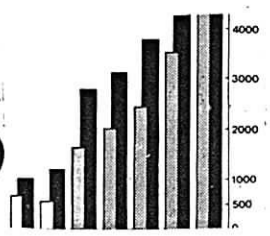
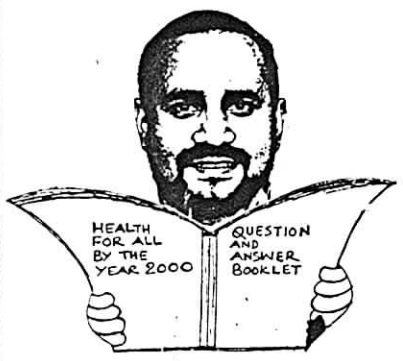


DEAR DOCTOR ...

Medicine



QUESTION

The JOURNAL expresses its great appreciation to Drs. Surresh & Subhash Vatsyayann and the invaluable UNV Aid Organisation for their regular contributions as part of their CIs. Health Department Public Information.

Dear Doctor;

I have noticed people scratching themselves most of the time. Is this a disease ? If so, what should we do to avoid it ?

Dear Reader:

There are many reasons why one can get an itch. In Atiu last year, SCABIES (the Itch) was present in 25% of the families and hence deserves to be mentioned.

A pregnant "itch-mite" tunnels into the human skin and deposits its eggs in the burrow. The larvae hatch within a few days and congregate around the hair follicles. The adults try to come out through the burrow and that is the time when intense itching occurs increasing the itching which may be there all the time, however.

This scabies mite is transmitted easily from skin to skin.

Contact with an infected individual (even by handshaking) would transmit the disease if the hands are not washed thoroughly 3-4 times a day.

Intimate "Friday night" dancing with an inviting partner may involve a silent delivery of the disease in addition to a later much-publicised pregnacy.

Scabies can be spread also by clothing or bedding if exchanged time and again without regular and proper washing and ironing.

Initially, itching in bed due to the warmth in which the mite moves in the burrows

is very common.

The itching may also cause eczema, dermatitis and boils etc.

Scratching may convey the mites to hands, fingers and nails and the spaces between the fingers and thus cause infective lesions.

Axilla, breasts and the private parts are other areas in which the mite loves to burrow (due to warmth, sweat and lack of cleanliness in these areas.)

So, dear reader, itching may turn out to be scabies which your family doctor will confirm.

Utmost cleanliness and good personal hygiene are the surest ways of avoiding the disease.

Your clothes and bed linen should be hot-ironed after thorough washing which will take care of other fungal infections.

If suffering, contact your doctor. Remember, it is always better to apply medicine all over the body (except the face) even if there is no itching in some parts.

Also, the whole family should be treated at the same time to avoid cross-infection.

There are medicines which will cure a person completely within one to three days and if good personal hygiene is maintained you may rest assured that at least you will not be scratching in public...the way some of your friends do!

LOOK

by Subhash Vatsyayann

Enjoy this special

CORIANDER (DHANIA)

...ctd. from last week.

CURRY POWDER RECIPE

Ingredients:

-250gms coriander seeds (dried)

-250gm turmeric/renga (dried)

-5 pieces of mild dried red cillies OR 10-15 if you want a Hot Curry.

-50gm of black pepper

-100 Carraway seeds

-30gms cinnamon (1pakt)

-20 cloves

Method:

Mix all the ingredients, heat until brown, grind to a powder and "Garam Masala" (Curry Powder is ready).

N.B. In Atiu, if the other ingredients are not available, make your curry out of coriander, turmeric and any of the other ingredients (cillies etc) which are available.

Remember, coriander is very easy to plant and takes little effort.

For seeds, if not available, contact the hospital for free seeds from the doctor's residence.

FLASH — recommendations

The Health Department report that the results of their Workers' study and training programme in areas of local Public Health will soon be available. The course is about to reach a most succussful conclusion, notes the Department.

READERS SURVEY

Letters from Micronesia and the USA recently offered much encouragement.

It reminded us, though, of obligations to non-Cook Islanders. As one reader pointed out, not everyone is aware of terms such as FDL (Fruit Distributors Ltd.) and FOB (Freight on Board). Many apologies!

The same reader noted last week's absence of naked women's breasts in'vera' which she said pleased her as she was getting sick of them. ("the world is full of curious likes and dislikes, noted the author when approached on the matter.) Another reader commended our pineapple story "except for the extra comments thrown in".

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basically sound. On Monday night this week, in a disturbing echo of financial ancestors back in 1929, an Australian Investment consultant was advocating the need to buy in certain speculative areas and claiming that market buoyancy would be soon well in evidence.

Maybe he is right. but precisely the same was regularly said in the weeks and months following Black Tuesday as the market continued to drop and one day...it stayed there! It was then that the world realised that the good times were over. Really over.

As in 1929, some very rich men claim to have "sensed" something wrong months ago. One sold a reported $500,000,000 of shares in August, made $200m. profit and states now (in a somewhat self-fulfilling prophecy) "something was funny...too much money was chasing too few stocks.

What is certain now, as in 1929, is that too much credit has been going on (even in little ole Rarotonga, folks!) and that the consumer boom fuelled by the Western Governments monetarist policies is unsustainable. In other words, the "yuppies" may have had their day and have to start becoming old-fashioned wage earners.

Socialist observers of the political forces which monetarism has released (most notably the "yuppie" social democrat concebsus currently mutating "labour parties" from Madrid to Wellington and the "new millionaire" class emerging in former egalitarian countries like NZ) have been almost mocked into silence in the 1980's.

Uncomputerised troglydites who have expressed sacrilegious doubts as to the wisdom of allowing bits of wire and plastic to print-out decisions in areas over which human ethical control is required (such as permitting computers to be programmed into 3rd Form remedial responses to commands to sell and "keep selling, you dumb robot, you!) ...they, too, have been derided into apologetic servility.

For what it's worth, they can have their say now....which is, that international finance cannot be left in the hands of the market players nor can national societies be remoulded by opportunist speculators who have a tendency to jump out of tall buildings and require the workers to scrape up their mess.

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ency of a movie actor with a vision of global affairs which sees Hopalong Cassidy on one side (ours) and anything to the left of Atilla the Hun (them) on the other....surrounded by an administration several stages even more extreme!

The damage done to Western Society by the half-time cheer leader who has led it for the last seven years is as saddening as the sound of the US mass media who created him now unleashing abuse with the same enthusiasm as it initially waved its stars and stripes in acclamation for the dottiest foreign and domestic programme embarked upon this century.

Several well-founded causes have been described to explain the current world financial crisis.

Short-term, the computerised trading in options and futures conducted by brainless computers has been blamed. Possibly...

The political eagerness by Western leaders to abandon ethical issues about society's development in favour of a cynical concensus about the simplest of all concensuses ...greed, is arguable, just!

An un-nameable CIs. minister echoed the moral basis of all Western concensus governments of the 80's from Hawke to Thatcher to our own

US Budget Director, David Stockman who resigned in 1985 and published a daming damning denunciation of Reaganonimcs in 1986.

coalition when he replied to a question on policy by asserting, with a breathtaking cynicism (breathtaking except that most of the 24 members in the house would proably agree!).."our people are interested in only one policy...more cash!"

But such leaders and the private sector which has taken a ride along with them are not villains.

World finance is not a 'B' movie plot even though the leading actor has tried to turn it into one.

It is, of course, course complex in the extreme.

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money ball...

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by virtue of star forward Thatcher M.'s steadfats refusal to listen to any wet, chicken-hearted recidivist trying to prevent her lobbing off zillion upon zillion of BP shares at the equally chicken-livered opposition.

The Iron One's sterling "Remember Falklands" rallying cry has reportedly, howvever, so far failed to produce any dramatic upswing in the world's financial arenas.

Tokyo is reported to be moving rapidly up the table largely thanks to new rules whereby it can kick-off before the others have come out on to the field.

Making an unexpected strong showing is the spectacular Hong Kong exploiting well their dreaded tactic of inventing their own rules.

The Paris Bourse is holding a middle of the table slot, scoring one or two extra points by virtue of being totally incomprehensible to the referees.

LATEST RESULTS: (Monday)
New York - Untold Zillions down.
Hong Kong - 34% wipe-out.
Australia - 750 million, sport!

Third WORLD not so great (i.e. normal market)

Meanwhile in the 3rd World, various non-league Bourses are reported to be performing with normal trading levels being maintained.

Shares rose on the Ouagadougou Bourse steadily throughout the mid-morning siesta.

Camels fell but this was only to be expected in view of the severely over-heated market.

Lots of camel-drivers fell, too.

In the Calcutta Back Alley Exchange, beggars dropped in the early morning after a hard night but rose sharply in the afternoon when the Riot Squads took over the market.

Elsewhere, Rickets were up in Lagos, Cocaine reached an all-time high in Bogota, Guinean asbestos miners found little blue chips in their lungs and Whores were flat on their backs from Bangkok to Bamako.

Early morning trading on the Ethiopean Bourse.

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And if any fairly precise causes for the present crisis (barring Marxist inevitability theories which are best left to our great grandchildren to sort out!) they lie in the numbing total of 3rd World debt and the equally numbing USA budget deficit.

Third World debt is long term. One's only comment at this bleak moment is that, if nations like Burkina Faso (see P.11) are not to be peaceably allowed to proceed along the honourable path to development on the one hand and nations like our own are willing to borrow nearly a quarter of its Gross Budget from a Pacific pariah like France...then the whole matter at this time "passeth all understanding".

What is, sadly, far easier to follow is the path down which the Reagan administration has trod its wilful and defiant way to becoming a threat to global solvency.

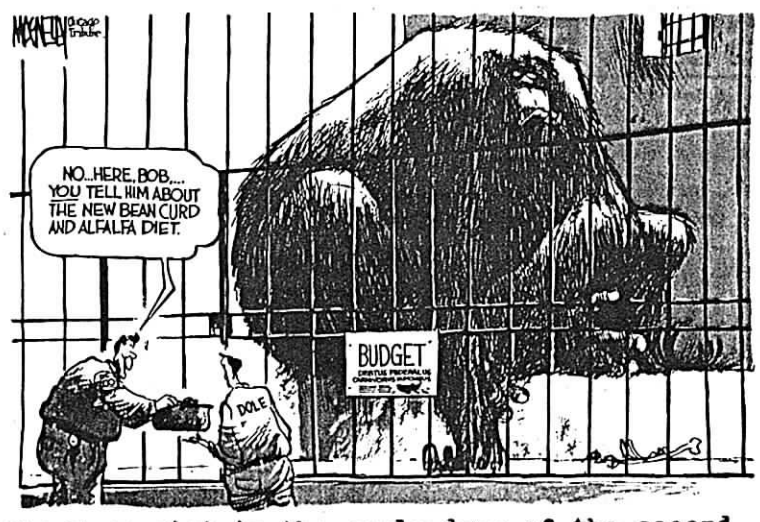
Early Reagan budget director David Stockman declared in his post resignation memoirs (in 1985) "I should have got out as long ago as 1981."

Stockman, a young but well-respected ideologue of the right judged Reagan-inspirer Jack Kemp's supply-side version of economics (given marginal intellectual respectablity in UK by Thatcherite rhetoric, a great deal more brains than the US administration offers and a convenient colonial war) as "goofy".

Stockman resigned. Kemp remained, ever ready to nudge his bewildered President into reminders as to who held the campaign purse strings.

Stockman reports eloquently upon the high level economics debates he held with Reagan advisers on budgetry matters affecting industry, investment and stability throughout the Western World.....

"Stick that unwarranted pride of yours right up your ass, and get back in the trenches" is the answer Stockman claims was given him by 1981 Chief of Staff James Baker.



The Economist in the early days of the second Reagan administration...when the signs of huge economic problems were clearly visible both to the US Economy and, inevitably, the world's.

What Steckman says he was trying to ask Reagan to do was face up to some hard choices about monetarism.

"What Reagan was trying to do couldn't be done. It shouldn't have been tried," said Stockman, according to his book on the period.

Throughout the 1980's socialist and middle of the road economists have agreed. Marxists have tended to chuckle and say, "just wait and see".

What has been universally forecast for the last three years has been an ever-escalating US budget deficit and a world-wide collapse even leading to a world-wide Western depression.

Former NZ PM, Rob Muldoon was giving the same precise and clear message to no one listening but three weeks ago on his way back from a world financial conference.

At the beginning of his second term, Reagan (who came in on a promise of a balanced budget!) was expected by gloomy forecasters to end his second term with a deficit of $144 billion (the Economist).

They were wrong. The Great Communicator beat even his most pessimistic foes. The deficit is said now to stand at over $150 billion with still another year of Great Communicating to go!

The breakdown of proposed talks on defence with the USSR is indicative that Reagan is determined to continue his wilful fiscal strategy of diverting domestic (usually social welfare) funds towards defence spending.

His rejection so far of Congressional appeals to raise taxes and his (Monday) offer to reduce the deficit by a puny $23billion seem also indicative that the battle for world financial security in the West is going to be still a long-drawn affair involving the Pentagon and the legion of US defence contractors in the Military-Industrial zone.

Presumably, the small-time bankrupt speculator will be soon asked to blow his brains out for Uncle Sam and good ole Democracy.

Since 1985, the US administration has wriggled and squirmed its way through as many budget cutting side issues as it can devise from cutting farm price supports to hammering its own employees...but it has steadfastly refused to make any significant cuts in defence spending.

As early as 1985, socialist economists were predicting that the US deficit and the debt interest bill would take on a life of its own.

They predicted 1987.

Alarmingly, they have been proved right.

For us, cushioned by the NZ Reserve Bank (to think that there were some coalition talkers speaking of a CIs. reserve bank!!...and even now, the words "economic independence" are standard political verbiage!), our crisis is no more and no less than whatever NZ's is in direct terms.

Our yuppies will may have to empty out their spa pools as quickly as their NZ mates!

More to the point, those service industries dependent upon the yuppie market (Oh darling, we've just picked up 5 grand on the market, how about a trip to Raro..) may be in trouble.

People stay home in times of financial crisis.

But, so long as Mr. Brierley has better liquidity than WA counterpart Rothwell's whose bailing out by a Bond/A'Court consortium is under investigation, and so long as Pacific Finance et al haven't been a-speculatin' there's not too much to worry about. One presumes Government didn't get clever and speculate with any of the recent franc windfall, too.

If we had a stock market, then infrastructure would be the safest bet..like Air Raro, Silk & B. Providing, of course, that they, too, haven't been over speculating.

Construction is bad news, as is restaurants, cafes, all-night discos motel units and round-the-world culture trips.

Agriculture would be worth a flutter except that it's under government and they, like all governments, could be in a spot of bother.

Government's answer would be to seek maximum advantage from a situation with a built in excuse for the austerity they would normally be afraid of in an election year.

There is much for them to learn from in the Papeete situation.

It is time for some genuine people's development and a return to some basic principles of development.

The stock market crash may have come at a convenient time for them to usher in policies which may make the opposition work for their votes.

Unless some re-thinking is done at the top, it is likely that, like Mr. Reagan in 13 months' time, they will be handing the opposition the election on a big, fat, empty plate.

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As has been commented on earlier, the Coalition has been shaping up well in the Region.

But all that was BC.. ..before the crash!

From now on in until the election, they could be rather like the man who jumped off the top of the skyscraper in 1929.

On the way down, as he passed each floor, he was heard to call out, "So far so good!"

SPORT

Strong Ladies

This weekend the 1st ever women's world Weightlifting Champs take place in Florida USA.

Initially expected to interest a mere dozen or so countries, officials have expressed amazement at having received no less than 30 National Teams indicating that they are taking part.

Bhanumathy Mandan (India)

Competition will be truly world wide with entries from all continents and from Western and Socialist Eastern Europe.

With 1 million lifters in training, China is expected to do well, as is dominating men's nation, Bulgaria.

Lifters are expected in all categories starting at the 44kg. weight class.

Roll out the red carpet for...

The weekend's international USA classic, the Washington International at Laurel will involve two top horses from the USSR.

It will be the first time Russian horses have competed in the USA for 20 years since gaining a second place in the same classic in 1966.

The horses have aroused great interest and are expected to do well.

Media interest in USSR racing has uncovered a story which indicates that racing has its seamier side even in the heavy "moral" atmosphere of Soviet sport.

Diverting funds from a proposed children's hospital project, 40 Kazakhstan officials are said to have constructed a luxury private race course and stand where they were in the habit of indulging in a multi-rouble flutter on the best from a private stable of Arab stallions!

BRITAIN IN THE COLD

British Soccer exploded again this month with two send-offs in the top-of-the bill traditional Rangers/ Celtic clash in Scotland.

The expulsions bring the number of players dismissed this season to 10.

The Scottish match was described by commentators as one of the worst in recent times with "superstars behaving like homicidal maniacs!"

At the centre of the Glasgow storm were English stars Chris Woods and Terry Butcher, both sent off for brutality and incitement of spectators to violence. They may face criminal charges according to BBC.

Both are reported to have gone North to play in Scotland to circumvent the ban on English clubs playing in European Soccer competitions.

RECORDS

Past weekend saw the presentation of the 8th Annual Commonwealth Sports Awards in London.

The prestigious awards are given to the top performers in a wide range of Commonwealth sports and are chosen by both representatives from the individual sports and by a panel of international experts.

Commonwealth Sports Award of the Year went to new world 100m record holder Ben Johnson.

Ben Johnson (Canada)

Other athletics awards went to World Champions Fatima Whitbread (UK) who won the world javelin championship and Billy Konchella of Kenya who took the world 800m title.

Australia's Pat Cash won the tennis award and a further honour came the Pacific's way with the NZ netball team winning the netball award.

Scorer of 49 goals in the English 1st Division last year, Spurs' striker Clive Allen took the Soccer Award.

FROM THE EDITOR

Looking back through this issue, aie.. man, it's heavy!

Lots of Regional analysis. Lots of Political analysis. Lots of financial analysis.

Well, maybe it IS on the heavy side but what we have tried to offer our readers is a coverage of perhaps the most significant week of the year so far.

In such a week, the day-to-day affairs of our tiny island and our tiny country run the danger of appearing to be trivia.

The events in Papeete and those in Washington, London and Tokyo and even those in far off Burkina Faso have deep, deep significance to us all, we feel.

For this reason, we have tried to offer readers something approaching an in-depth survey, from a Cook Islands perspective.

We are sure that you will not agree with all the conclusions..maybe with none of them.

But if what appears here has provoked some discussion and maybe even a look into alternative perspectives, then that reprsents success.

Incidentally, we DO like yuppies AND spa pools AND President Reagan.

And some of our best friends are stockbrokers.

And we also lie a lot!

Sorry to miss again several features owing to the importance of the Papeete story.

NEXT WEEK: Bill Marsters, Co-Operatives, more League and a chance for the pro-Tahitians to tell you why France is good for them AND for us!

Thanks for reading, friends. May your shares keep rising!

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World War 6 COOKSAID

SATURDAY: The Cook Islands awakes to the news of rapine, loot and savagery, pillage, arson and a right ole manamanata across the waters among our frog-chomping brothers and sister...well, cousins.

Dockers, Gaston?

No problem, my old garlic gobbler... .. SECTION 49A sub-section 118(c) ...article 18... clause 14(b).para ...INSUBORDINATION WHILE HOLDING A STRIKE!!

Administrative Briefings

OPERATION FROGMARCH goes into action immediately. "Hang in there, Gaston, WE are on the way."

I think I spy a Learjet on the horizon, PM!

Oh good, it must be Gaston again

Close the airport, PM! He's come to get his cheque back!

Please Lord, make one of them resist....just one... ...please...

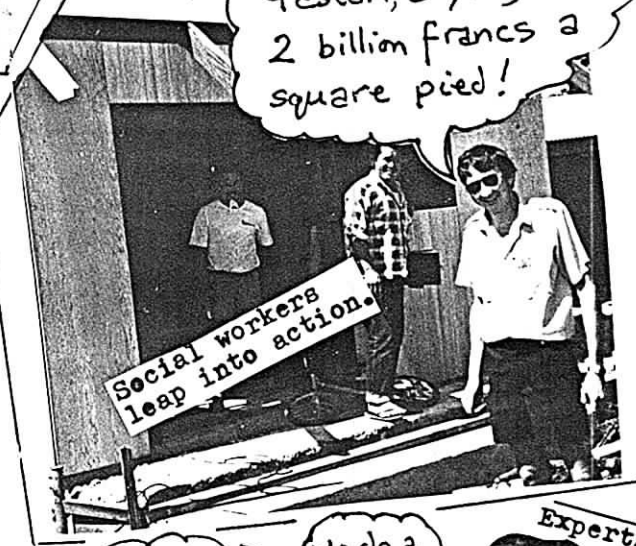
High level planning

The cream of the Nikao Special Anti-Docker Task Force prepare to go over the top.

Crack elitist para-military units are mobilised.

€! Mum 'll kill me. I never swept up the leaves!

We could do you a job lot of 150, Gaston, at, say..... 2 billion francs a square pied!



Social workers leap into action.

The local Dock-workers Union express.... ...international solidarity.

€ bro'! Papeete's the other way!

We know!

Bring on them dockers, bro'!

Te tangata i roto i te street sums it up for us all!!

I don't care how much our Polynesian brothers & sisters have suffered... we're not giving them our hard court

We do a very good line in war damage litigation, M'sieur!

Experts chip in..

Fellow-workers rally round.

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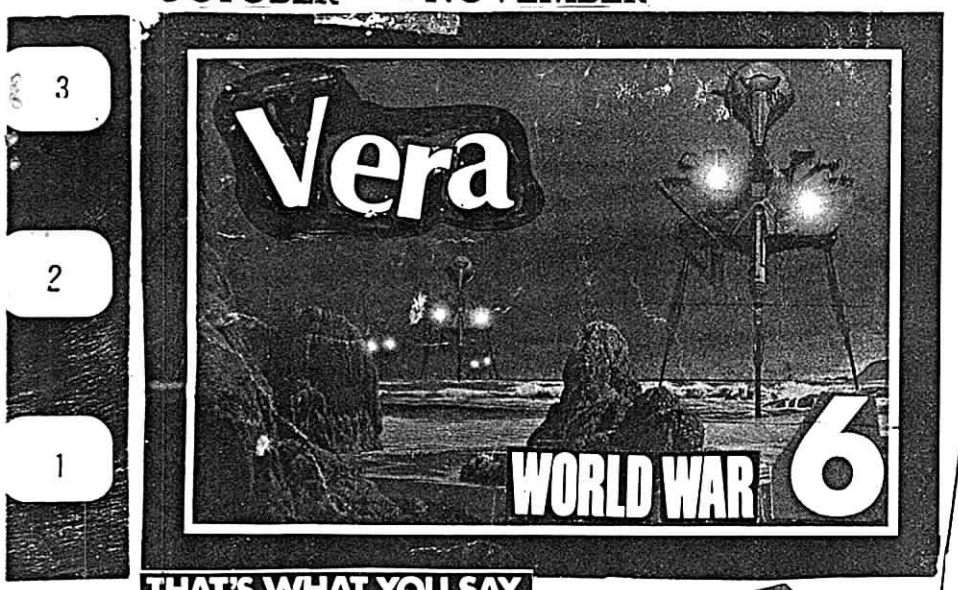

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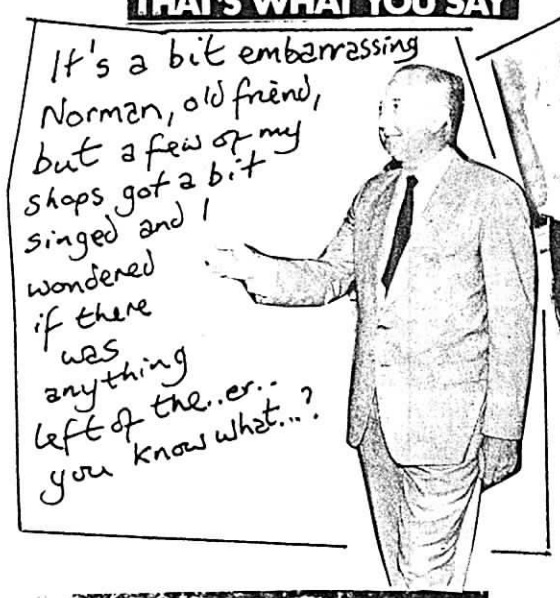
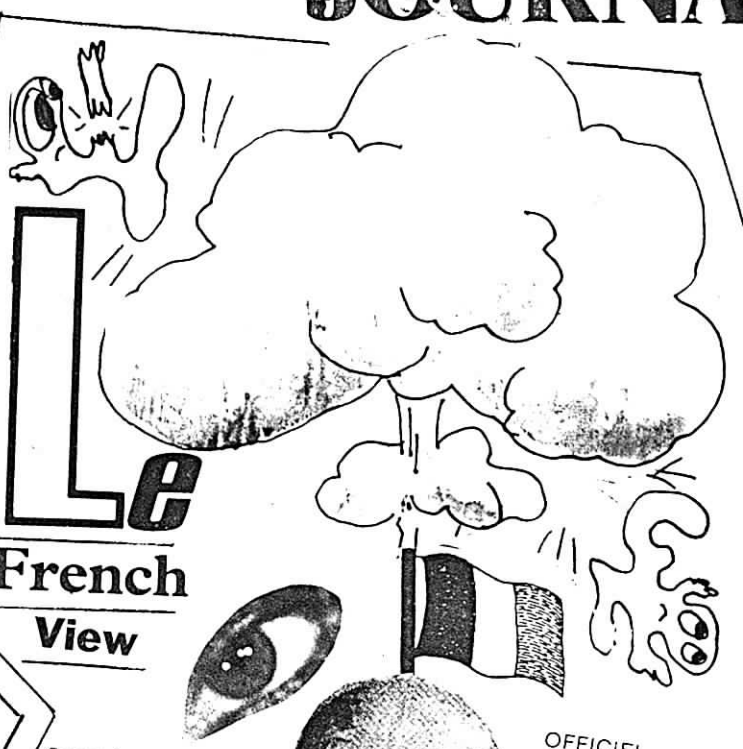

It's a bit embarrassing Norman, old friend, but a few of my shops got a bit singed and I wondered if there was anything left of the..er.. you know what...?

Le French View



Grand steaming bubbling bombes, mea amis juste what do les cons de dockers pense ils sont up to, hein ? Je gives them un sanglant grand bombe pour leur astounding financial benefit et dans stead of having le enormous celebration avec un grand bottle of le best et un trip to le nite spots pour un ogle at les collossal frog knockers on display..what do ils do ? Ils make un almighty boules-up sur le wharf et make un bonfire out of les many import magasins of mon tres esteemed ex-President le frightful Gastric Floppe. Et devant les eyes of le ghastly anglo-saxons. Je have never been tres partial to dockers et je propose to tie them tout to le end of le fuse on le next grand megatonner. F.

OFFICIEL

UP VOUS

FOR SALE:

Young Upwardly Mobile Derelicts seek generous offer for Upwardly Mobile Remuera Condominium complete with apres-elevenses pool and adjoining pelota court.

Handy for Labour Party HQ Spa pool and Aerobics classes..complete with one well-trained 4 year old with Tana Maori certificate.

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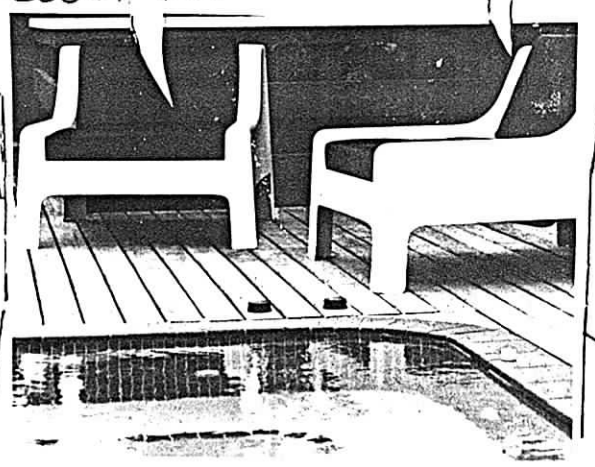
...3,867,491.....2,222,141
..... 1,341,497....$50.00....
... 759,224... 2,848,762...
.. 8,924,211....
Wake me up when it's over, folks!



PROCLAMATION

The stock exchange is forth with (or forth without if necessary) ordered to re-commence orderly trading at the double.

Signed: His Presidentialness Rabo I.

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THE JOURNAL & THE (Last) WORD

The Oval Room: 11.00 a.m.

Mr. President is dozing over a 1949 back issue of the "Silver Screen".

Enter Aide:
Enter Second Aide:

Mr. P: (waking) Gee whizz, two of you. I guess I got Aides...Aides..get it? I guess I got Aides. I reckon I'll try that on the State of the Union Show. (falls to ground).

1st Aide: The world is at an end Mr. President.

Mr. P: You don't say.

2nd Aide: 'fraid it's a fact Mr. President. Wall's Street's collapsed.

Mr. P: I always said them Walls'd come tumblin' down...get it..Walls come tumblin' down. I wonder if George'd like to use that one on his campaign. (rolls over)

1st Aide: You gotta cut defence spending Mr President.

Mr. P: Say, you know what ? You must be my First Aide... Get it..First Aide..now George'll surely want that one...(kicks legs in air)

2nd Aide: The world needs you to change your defence policy Mr. President.

Mr. P: Oh that. Well sure as eggs that's got to change.

1st: Really Mr. President?

MrP: Why bless your cotton socks, son, sure. You go tell the world from now on in I'm a-changin' to a whole new ATTACK policy.

Editor

NEWS

NOTEBOOK

*Reports of remarks made by a prominent Atiuan personality in a public speech on Gospel day have led to a complaint being laid to the police, according to a JOURNAL staff member. The reports allege remarks of a defamatory nature having been made. The complainant has informed the JOURNAL that legal action may be sought.

*Concern has been expressed to the JOURNAL that the total absence of fuel on Atiu at present may have been preventable had different TLT barge procedures been operated. The failure to send drums back to Rarotonga each shipment causes inevitable fuel shortage on Atiu.

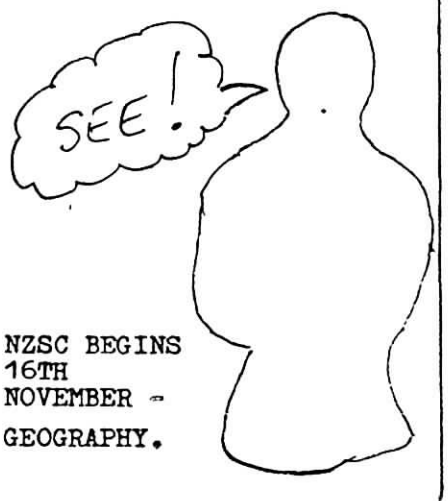
*Major sufferers from the lack of fuel are senior Atiu College students now unable to take advantage of Island Council transport for their evening and night classes.

STOP PRESS

*THE 7PM TO 5AM CURFEW IN PAPEETE IS STILL IN FORCE AND CONTROLLED BY A REPORTED 2000 PERSONNEL FROM TAHITI, MURUROA, PARIS AND NEW CALEDONIA

*STOCK MARKET PRICES BEGAN A PERIOD OF UPTURN ON TUESDAY

*THE VANUATU TUC HAS ANNOUNCED THE FORMATION OF A VANUATU LABOUR PARTY WHICH WILL CONTEST FOUR SEATS IN THE NOVEMBER 23 GENERAL ELECTIONS, REPORTS RADIO SOLOMONS



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